

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS


Claim 18-27 are active in this application. The rejection of Claims 28-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph is obviated by the cancellation of the claims.

The rejection of Claims 18-37 as it now applies to Claims 18-27 under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over Claims 1, 16 and 17 of U.S. Patent 6,337,037 is addressed by the Terminal Disclaimer filed herewith.

Applicants also request the allowance of the application.

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